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(Ireland.)

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To amend an Act of the Second and Third Years of his late Majesty, by providing additional Booths or Polling-places at Elections in Ireland, where the Number of Electors, whose Names shall begin with the same Letter of the Alphabet, shall exceed a certain Number.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.]

WH **H**EREBY by an Act passed in the second and third Presable.
years of the reign of his late Majesty King WILLIAM the
Fourth, intituled, "An Act to amend the Representation of the
People of Ireland," it is enacted, "that whenever in any one barony
5 or half-barony of the county, or in any county of a city or county
of a town, or in any borough, the number of registered Voters appear-
ing upon the books of the Clerk of the Peace, capable of voting at
any Election for the same, shall exceed Six hundred Voters, it shall and
may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they
10 are thereby required to provide Two or more polling-places for such
barony or half-barony, or for such county of a city or county of
a town, or borough, and to make such a division or divisions of the
Voters, according to the first letter of their names, that it shall not be
necessary for more than Six hundred Voters to poll in any one place
15 of polling, but so as not to divide the names beginning with the same
letter of the alphabet; and that it shall and may be lawful for the
Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are thereby required to
provide as many new places of polling as may be necessary for the
purpose, and to appoint as many additional Deputies and Poll Clerks
as shall be necessary to take the poll in such additional places of
polling (not exceeding one Deputy and one Poll Clerk for each such
182. place

place of polling); and it is by the said Act provided, that in case the number of Voters in any Two or more baronies or half-baronies in any county shall not exceed the number of Six hundred Voters, it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are thereby required to provide that the poll for such baronies and half-baronies shall be taken in one place of polling only : " 5

And whereas it has been found that great inconvenience has arisen, and many persons are wholly prevented from voting at Elections, in consequence of a greater number of Voters being assigned to vote in the booth or polling-place, beginning with the first letter of their names, than possibly can do so within the time prescribed by law for holding of such Elections ; 10

BE it therefore Enacted, by The QUEEN's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT at all future Elections in Ireland for Members to serve in the Imperial Parliament, it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are hereby required, when it appears by the Clerk of the Peace's book of any county, county of a city, county of town or borough in Ireland, that the number of registered Electors for any such county, county of a city, county of a town or borough, whose names shall begin with the same letter of the alphabet, shall amount to *Five hundred* or more, to provide, as nearly as may be, in alphabetical order, according to the second letter of their names, Two or more polling-places for such Voters in any such county, city, town or borough in Ireland, returning Members to serve in the Imperial Parliament, so that it shall not be necessary for more than *Five hundred* Voters to poll at any one place of voting, notwithstanding that their names may begin with the same letter of the alphabet; and it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are hereby required to provide as many convenient and commodious places as may be necessary for the purpose, and to appoint as many additional Deputies and Poll Clerks as shall be necessary to take the poll in such additional places of polling, not exceeding One Deputy and One Poll Clerk for each place of polling. 15 20 25 30 35

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When Names
of Electors,
commencing
with the same
Letter of the
Alphabet,
amount to
500 or more,
the Return-
ing Officer to
provide so
many Booths
that not more
than 500
Voters shall
be obliged to
poll at One
Booth.

2.
Penalty if
Returning
Officer does
not comply
with the
Provisions of
the Act.

3.
Act may be
amended.

And be it Enacted, That if any Returning Officer or Officers shall refuse or neglect to carry out the provisions of this Act, he or they shall be liable to all the penalties which are imposed by the said Act of the second and third of WILLIAM the Fourth, on any Officer or Officers upon a breach or neglect of his or their duty or duties. 40

And be it Enacted, That this Act may be altered or amended in this Session of Parliament.